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The Sunday School Lesson in the Business of Living

Provided by the Board on Christian Education

For August 29—A Discerning Christian

Acts 9:1-22

When John the Baptist was asked as to his mission, he replied, "I am a voice." Perhaps Ananias might have answered, "I am an ear." There have been many to speak the word of God, but not so many to hear the word of God. Does God seldom speak, or is it that he seldom finds an ear to hear? Here was a man in desperate need of counsel and help, a man with an evil reputation among the Christians, and God has a word for him. Who will listen to the word and be the interpreter? There was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias, and the Lord spoke to him, and he said, "Behold I am here, Lord."

Friends used to speak much of discerning Friends. Rufus Jones tells, in one of the last articles he wrote, of a Friend who visited in his home when he was a boy and, putting his hand on his head, said, "In the midst of a perverse and crooked generation thee will shine as a light in the world." It was a similar word, fitly spoken, which helped me to see a call to Christian service. God often works through people who have an understanding spirit, and one such person in a community or a Meeting will often make a great difference in what happens there.

The next thing to note in regard to Ananias was that to hear was to act. There were plenty of practical reasons for hesitating to act here. Was this a sly trick on the part of Paul to seize one of the Christian leaders at Damascus? Did a man who had persecuted the church deserve to be helped in his trouble? Anyway why should I do it? But none of these reasons seemed to occur to Ananias. To hear, was to do.

The gap between hearing and doing is the measure of the Christian failure in the world. We are not failing primarily because we do not know what is right, what should be done. We fail because, knowing, we hesitate, we procrastinate, we wait for some one else to be the first. How many unnamed and unremembered persons in Damascus knew of Paul's need? Only Ananias is remembered, and that because he responded to this call of need. He had a part in the preparation of this man who was himself to be one who responded to similar calls. "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Immediately he endeavored to go.

A final point to make is that Ananias was able to believe the best about people, not the worst. Paul had a bad name, and probably most Christians believed what they had heard about him. Ananias believed in possibilities. "He is a chosen vessel to me, to bear my name before the Gentiles." When Ananias went forward on the basis of his faith, he discovered that he was right, and others were wrong, that Paul was not just what he had been pictured. He was in very truth the Apostle to the Gentiles, waiting to be found by the Spirit of God and sent forth on this new enterprise.

To be sensitive to the call of God to our lives, to respond quickly and heartily with action appropriate to the need, to have a persistent and determined optimism about people and their capacity for goodness, this is part of what it means to be a disciple of Christ, whether in Damascus or in America.

Questions:

1. How can one tell when the voice of God is speaking?

2. How may we cultivate a sensitiveness to God's speaking?

3. Do you know people whom you would call discerning Friends?

RUSSELL E. REES

For September 5—A Church in a Home

Acts 18:1-3, 18, 19, 24-26; Romans 16:3-5; I Corinthians 16:19; II Timothy 4:19

When Friends migrated into the Northwest Territory almost the first thing they did was to establish a new Meeting in the new community. It would have been inconceivable for them to live in a community and not to have a Meeting. There are some people who, by their very nature, are the nucleus of a church. They could not live without a church. If there is no church, they make one. To the question, "Where is the church?" they could almost say, "Wherever I am." For one to say that he does not go to church because there is none near, would surely be beyond their understanding. For how could one possibly have Christianity without having the Christian fellowship?

It seems that Aquila and Pricilla were persons of this kind. The church was in their house until it could be established in a more suitable place. For the church is not an institution but a fellowship growing out of a spirit. Given people who have the spirit, they will create the fellowship.

The missionary work of Aquila and Pricilla was not as spectacular as that of Paul, but it was missionary work nevertheless. They came to Corinth from Rome and their house became the center of Christian activity. Paul may have been more professional in his work than they, but they were evangelists wherever they went. Later Paul took these missionaries to Ephesus and left them, and very soon a new church was going in Ephesus, "in their house." It must be clear how closely this resembles the work of early Friends. Every person was an evangelist, a missionary. The work of spreading the Truth was not left to a group of highly trained experts. When a Quaker family moved into a community, the mission was on. If a traveling minister came that way after a year or so, his ministry was appreciated and highly valued, but they would have thought it ridiculous to wait until he came to begin the spreading of the good news.

Whatever they had they shared in the great enterprise. At first it was their home and their occupation as tent makers. Hospitality has played a large part in the growth of the church. Later they shared their rich experience, and perhaps the knowledge gained from association with Paul, with those less privileged, such as Apollos. The work of Paul was entirely too widespread to have been lasting had it not been for the individuals and families who saw his vision and carried forward his work after he had gone to other centers.

When one thinks of the cheapness and easiness of our religion, of the rare occasion on which we are even asked to share a discomfort, one sees the true stature and dignity of such witnesses as Aquila and Pricilla. One understands, too, why the church arose from the catacombs to challenge the Empire.

Questions:

1. If you moved to a new community without a Meeting, do you think you could become a starting point for a Meeting?

2. Has Christianity lost vitality as it has become an institution, operated largely by experts?

3. What suggestions can be made for bringing back the spirit of such people as Aquila and Pricilla?

RUSSELL E. REES

I am disposed to say grace upon twenty other occasions in the course of the day beside my dinner.

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From Jerusalem to Amsterdam

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Voice from 1681

HOW sweet and pleasant it is to the truly spiritual eye to see several sorts of believers, several forms of Christians in the school of Christ, every one learning their own lesson, performing their own service, and knowing, owning and loving one another in their several places and different performances to their Master, to whom they are to give an account, and not to quarrel with one another about their different practices. For this is the true ground of love and unity, not that such a man walks and does just as I do, but because I feel the same spirit and life in him. . . . And this is far more pleasing to me than, if he walked just in that track wherein I walk; nay, so far as I am spiritual I cannot so much as desire that he should do so, until he be particularly led thereto by the same spirit that led me." —ISAAC PENINGTON, *Works,* Part i, p. 240 (Ed. 1681).

Angelus for World Communion

MANY bells of the world will ring on August 22, when the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches convenes in Amsterdam. They will ring every hour from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Like the Angelus of eventide which calls the laborer to stop his work and bow in prayer, so may the peal of the bells call to prayer for the spiritual and outward peace of the world.

Quakers are not accustomed to pray *because the bell rings,* but they can overbrim this observance by praying now and constantly that fellowship in Christ may come into a new and greater fullness on earth as the varied churches meet to find their central unity in Him. The significance of this occasion lies not chiefly in the visible progress that may be made, but it lies in the fact that it is being held at all, and that it meets in the high measure of joy with which the one hundred and forty-eight denominations in forty-two nations are responding. We should not expect too much externally from this Assembly for it is world wide, varied in its constituency and therefore must move on the deeper currents of spiritual progress, and because the currents are deep it must move slowly. It is not alone what the Assembly forms at Amsterdam that counts, but what it forms in us. It represents a new burst of fellowship at the top, but it should mean also a new incentive to fellowship among local churches and members.

There is perhaps much less uniqueness in the several denominations than each of them supposes. For instance, we have heard in varied church assemblies the phrase, "Primitive Christianity Revived," as the historical assurance of their denominational uniqueness. Even Quakers, like other Christian bodies, quote that phrase as if they alone had used it.

While moving in the direction of closer and wider Christian fellowship among the churches, we must not become careless of such genius as may belong to each group. We are not called through this movement to dilute our faith and practice, but to share it while we also receive from others. Many of us work so completely within our own denomination that we do not know how much and how important is the work which other churches are doing. We come easily to suppose that we have the advanced position on Christian life and work and that all others are only engaged in the slow process of catching up with us.

There is no doubt that any one denomination may have a character clearly its own and a way of life and thought from which others should learn. One might well suspect, however, that there are hidden motives at work, and that often they are not known by the individual—chiefly the concern to draw distinction to one's church and thus to its members. Let there be distinction, but let it be real not assumed. A church that strives to be thoroughly Christian will have sufficient distinction!

Perhaps no other body of Christians are more ensnared as well as blest by their history than are Friends. We are often parasites on our own history, quoting our forefathers profusely and tending to be spiritually ingrown. We can rightly quote Fox, our founder, as an antidote to this tendency, in the following revision of his words, "Thou sayest, 'Fox says' and 'Barclay says,' but what can'st thou say?" Are we, as he inquired, in the spirit of those who gave forth the Scriptures and who spoke the early Quaker messages? We cannot live by quotations. We must find for ourselves today the creative spirit of the inner Christ, and when we do we shall discover that members of other bodies of Christians have also found

him. Our outward patterns of life may vary, but our inward resources of spirit can be the same. Amsterdam will not greatly change the externals of our practices, but it should drive us nearer to Him in whom we have our life and redemption.

From Jerusalem to Amsterdam is a long way. In that first high church council at Jerusalem, St. Paul stood firmly for a righteousness by faith rather than by law, and thereby drew a circle for the early Christian church which kept it from becoming a slightly reformed Judaism and made it a deep, yet inclusive faith. During the intervening centuries, high church councils have been held many times with a view to formulating a complete and finished statement of faith and practice—a consuming concern with externals. Now after two millenia the Christian churches, divided and redivided, gather again but in a different concept. If they find unity it will again be, as at the Jerusalem Council, in the depths of an inner life and faith in Christ and not in the externals which were the subject in the office of James and "those of Jerusalem." That old battle over externals must not be fought again and we may well believe that it will not. No one can bless the results of this assembly in advance, but we can all rejoice in its opportunity and in the values which it will enhance.

From Praise to Penitence

NO sooner have we written of the ringing of bells on August 22 than a message comes, signed by many leading churchmen, asking that the same date be observed as a "Day of Mourning and Repentance" for the introduction of peacetime conscription into America (Registration date is August 30). Life is alloyed with mixed emotions and varied experiences. Like certain alloys in metals they sometimes strengthen us.

After all, this is not an affair of days, bells and crepe. Those are the externals of something far more important. Spiritual concerns are only being symbolized. The spiritual qualities of repentance and rejoicing never come to us wholly unmixed. Penitence implies "works fit for repentance," and our works must help to rid the earth of conscription.

What is Our Potential?

THE Board on Education of the Five Years Meeting has just ended a workshop type of conference which should have considerable significance in the Five Years Meeting, and in the Society of Friends.

The significance of that conference certainly does not lie in its size, for it was relatively small. It does not lie even in its representative character, for not all Yearly Meetings could send persons to it. Its significance lies chiefly in the *potential mood* in which it thought and planned, and in bringing closer together the Meetings and colleges of the Five Years Meeting.

As to the mood of the conference, it was potential because it was looking for potentials in our membership. The areas of need into which our young people might be led were surveyed with great care. An appreciation of opportunities in pastoral service, in teaching, in missions, and in the work of the American Friends Service Committee heightens the courage with which we can look toward bringing together our needs and our potential supply. In order to do this we must, among other moves, bring the church and her colleges closer together. They tend to move like two distinct and parallel streams. Finally, a Quaker College cannot be a Christian, Quaker institution if the parent body—the church—should decline. In turn, the church would dull its cutting edge if the contributions from our colleges should end. Bringing them closer together is a "pact of life."

The message of this conference will soon be made available, but the message alone is not adequate as an effective instrument of action. Further moves are being considered and it will be important to bring them to bear in specific methods of discovering, counseling and training our consecrated and talented young people. The number of pastoral Meetings which are without pastoral leadership is only one, yet an important illustration of our needs.

Let us stay in the potential mood and discover our latent possibilities as a church. The Christian gospel is highly potential—"to as many as believed in Him, to them he gave the *power to become* sons of God."

"God's Number . . ."

A Finnish woman, ill with tuberculosis, and the mother of a large family, wrote recently to the "Save the Children Federation" to express her thanks for food and clothing for her ten-year-old son. Due to her unfamiliarity with the English language she made a happy and impressive mistake. Instead of "Code number—1228" she wrote "God's number . . ." In two words she unwittingly answered a fundamental problem—removing people from the impersonality of masses and numbers and identifying them as persons, the objects of God's love. He knows them by *name*, not by number. God loves *persons* while we escape by trying to love races, classes or nations. It is well for us to be concerned with world affairs such as the World Council of Churches and the peril of conscription, but the ultimate meaning of it all is in the person. He calleth his own sheep by name.

E. T. E.

MARY AND MARTHA

"Carest Thou not, good Master,
That I must serve alone,
While she here idle at Thy feet
Leaves all her work undone?"
"Tomorrow we can sweep the floor,
Tomorrow cook and eat,
Tomorrow—while they scourge Him there
By Pilate's judgment seat."
"Today He breathes and smiles and speaks,
Nor ever bids me move;
Today He faints for what we give—
Not labor, but our love."

FRED W. SMITH

New Life in Christian Education

By Cecil E. Haworth

SOMETHING is sadly lacking in Christian Education today.

This is not a new observation. Critics have been pointing for some time to various weaknesses, especially of the Bible school or church school. They say children are not learning as much Bible as they used to, that there is not the fire of evangelism there should be, and that the Sunday school is not producing Christian workers in adequate numbers for the needs at home and abroad. Others call attention to the fact that we educate the finest engineers and chemists and biologists in the world, but our human engineering is so poor that people cannot live peaceably in the new world science has produced.

These criticisms have too much basis in fact to permit us to be very smug and comfortable about them. There is no doubt that Christian education needs to "Walk in Newness of Life" today if it is to measure up, in any degree, to its opportunities.

I am convinced that this "newness of life" is not going to come from the offices of the Board on Christian Education in Richmond, or from some denominational headquarters in New York, Chicago, or St. Louis. If it comes at all it will come like all great spiritual movements have come; it will be born in the hearts of concerned individuals in local communities. It will come when an officer or a teacher in a Friends Meeting, with a fresh spiritual experience in his own heart, begins to feel a deep concern for the moral and spiritual welfare of an individual or a class, and with that concern upon him, he sets about under the guidance of God to use his *best* ideas, his *best* talents, and his *best* vision to do something.

We've played at Christian education too long. We've felt that anything would do for Bible school so long as everybody was kept happy and no one had his feelings hurt. We've dilly-dallied with eternal truths and human destinies as if they were the most casual matters in the world. We've trifled with the precious time alloted to us as if we had a hundred years at our disposal. Instead of "giving our *best* to our Master," we've given the tag-ends of our energy, our creative efforts and our time. No wonder it hasn't accomplished what it should.

The time is ripe for a new spirit and new purpose to animate the Christian forces of our nation; not an artificial enthusiasm pumped up through organizational efforts, but a genuine Christian concern rising spontaneously out of hearts that are aglow with a warm, personal love for God and for man. Human hearts will be changed, and attitudes and motives will come under the transforming power of Christ when that kind of a spirit moves through Christian education.

That was the way Friends felt when the Board on Christian Education met last April in Richmond. Some years the representatives from the Yearly Meetings spend long hours trying to select an emphasis for the new year that will be acceptable and of real help to the entire Five Years Meeting. This year, however, when it was suggested that our annual emphasis be centered in the words of Paul, "Walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4), it was only a matter of minutes until all minds were united in adopting such a theme for 1948-49. We all felt the appropriateness of, and the need for such an emphasis today.

Turn for a moment to the sixth chapter of Romans. It is not the easiest chapter in the Bible to understand, but this is evident—Paul was urging his readers not to continue in sin and indifference but to be "alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (verse 10). The secret of "newness of life" is to be found just there. Can we, who are "alive" to so many things and so many influences, cultivate the awareness of God in Christ to the point where He is the most real and most vital part of our living today?

Only if we do that can we, and Christian education through us, "Walk in Newness of Life."

ANNUAL EMPHASIS AND PROGRAM

Plans in Christian Education

The Board on Christian Education of the Five Years Meeting has been permitted to use a sizable portion of this issue of THE AMERICAN FRIEND to convey to local Friends Meetings suggestions and helps for the year's work in Christian education. The use of a Biblical theme to concentrate the purpose and plans for the year has proved to be valuable in the past so one was selected for this year from Romans 6:4.

"WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE"

Cecil E. Haworth, chairman of the Board on Christian Education, in the article on this page has interpreted the need which prompted the choice of our theme. On the following pages you will find proposals for ways of using the theme with various age groups in the church.

The selection of a theme and the work which it has taken to plan and prepare the material for the year's emphasis is the result of the cooperative efforts of the Yearly Meeting representatives on the Board on Christian Education. Members of the Board and the Yearly Meeting each represents are:

Baltimore—James R. Stein, Lucy Wellons; California—C. Fred Schroeder, Paul Younger; Canada—Nellie Daboll, Doris Daboll; Indiana—Robert M. Jones, Leonard Hall; Iowa—Richard P. Newby, Paul Baiotto; Nebraska—Harriet Barbee, Roberta Allen; New England—Hattie Cox, Harold N. Burnham; New York—Katharine E. Cook, Berthamay Pearson; North Carolina—Orval Dillon, William Van Hoy; Western—Belva Newsom, Grant Johnson; Wilmington—Raymond N. Chapman, Folger Hunt; Members at Large—R. Furnas Trueblood, Cecil E. Haworth, Vesta J. Stanfield, Nellie H. Markle, Russell E. Rees, Harold Smuck, Marcus E. Kendall, and William Q. Hale.

Additional materials useful in interpretation of the theme and plans for its use will be found in the September and October issues of *The Penn Teacher*. In them you will find a Service of Dedication for teachers, an interpretation and application of the theme to Bible school, and helps for Rally Day and Christian Education Week.

Two copies of this issue of THE AMERICAN FRIEND, a poster on the year's theme and other useful materials are being mailed in packet form to the Clerk of each Monthly Meeting in the Five Years Meeting. It is intended that these packets will go into the hands of the Christian Education Committee of the Monthly Meeting or the Bible School Committee.

If the officers or staff of the Board can give you any assistance in your Christian Education work, be sure to call upon us. Address general communications to the Board office, 101 South 8th Street, Richmond, Indiana.

Symposium—Revitalizing Bible Schools

THE OBJECTIVES

By Charles F. Thomas

What is the spirit of your Bible school? Bible schools may be marked by a spirit of discouragement, or treadmill drudgery, or by aliveness, vitality and effectiveness. As we take a look at our Bible school, is it vigorous and healthy? Is it sluggish? Is there discouragement and half-heartedness?

A spiritually dynamic school is one motivated by spiritual concern, animated by a spiritual atmosphere, and one which fosters in persons a will to grow in devotion, faith, understanding, Christlike living, and in service to God and men. The vitality of schools can be seen in such basic factors as pupil interest, eager and generous work on the part of teachers, an atmosphere in the Bible school of joy, friendliness, aliveness, anticipation and a sense of achievement.

Members of the Board on Christian Education of the Five Years Meeting in the annual session of the Board felt that many local Meeting workers would welcome an emphasis this year upon revitalization of Bible schools. The theme, "Walk in Newness of Life," certainly undergirds such an emphasis. The Bible school is so important in the total church program that its vitality must concern us all.

There are at least four objectives in a program of revitalization.

1. Increase effectiveness in spiritual output.
2. Build up interest, morale, and attendance.
3. Dignify the Bible school by a high quality program.
4. Develop an informative and appealing program for keeping the Bible school before the church and community.

These objectives may be undertaken by any Bible school, regardless of size.

Let us consider further each of these objectives. How shall effectiveness in spiritual results be achieved? A first prerequisite is a clear understanding and statement of what the Bible school is for and expects to do. No one can state the objectives for a particular school better than those responsible for it. Another factor in spiritual results will be the depth of concern under which teachers work. The work of Christian education ought constantly to be the object of prayer and consultation. Spiritual results will be achieved only when each pupil is considered as an individual with precise needs. A further factor in the spiritual power under which a school operates is the sense of a great faith to pass on to others. Too many of our Bible schools are concentrated on lesson content, not on people and fundamental Christian experience.

Interest in the Bible school and attendance are primarily dependent upon the quality of the work done in the school and the eager support of it by teachers and church members. Keeping up the enthusiastic morale of teachers is important to success. This can be achieved through recognition for good work done, continued small or large improvements in equipment and supplies for teachers, adding new materials for teachers, showing interest in their problems by consultation, guidance, and regular workers' conferences, and by giving deserved periods of rest to faithful teachers without giving them a feeling of being shelved.

Dignifying the Bible school by a high-quality program can be achieved by thought, planning, and creative change. First of all, obtain some standard that will guide the formation of plans. *The International Standard for the Sunday Church School* published by the International Council of Religious Education is very useful. A standard is a guide to help workers gain a vision of the possibilities in their school. Living up to a standard is not the climax of attainment, nor a reason for ceasing to grow in effectiveness, but it does help.

A consistent program of teacher improvement will also contribute to the quality of the school. Continuous review and study of curriculum is advisable so as to keep in contact with new materials, give a balanced training to pupils, and keep Christian Education Committees alert to what is being studied.

The dignity of a school is hampered by irregularity of teachers and officers, by ill-planned opening and closing periods, and careless administration. A cooperatively developed plan of requirements for teachers and other workers will overcome many of these faults. The Christian Education Committee should take the initiative in working out these matters.

Finally, we come to an informative and appealing program for keeping the Bible school before the membership of the church and the community. At this point many schools are especially weak. We often turn to such devices as attendance campaigns built upon competitive schemes, or the giving of awards. These may have a valuable place in a total program of public relations, but certainly not the leading role. Good public relations and interpretation result from a consistent method of distributing information. This method can include the following features:

Regular use of the church bulletin

News reports and announcements to local newspapers

A printed calendar including special events, courses of study, names of teachers and officers, and hours of sessions —these to be widely distributed, preferably in the fall

Regular contacts with parents

Letters or cards following up absences

Visitation by teachers

Community surveys to discover those not in Bible school

The use of posters, fliers and other publicity materials appropriate to the work of the school

In any effort toward revitalization, let us remember that it begins with persons, individuals in Christian education work, who become inspired about the possibilities and seek out the *how* of making new progress. Contagious enthusiasm has no substitute. Your revitalization program can begin with you. Whether the above suggestions meet the particular needs in your school, nothing can prevent the Christian education workers in your Meeting from working out the steps of a movement to quicken the power, interest and effectiveness of your Bible school.

A wise Christian education worker has said, "Remember your Sunday school may provide the only opportunity some boys and girls will ever have for religious training," and "you may be the best teacher some child will ever have."

IN THE SMALL MEETING

By Vesta Stanfield

FIRST: Rid your mind of feelings of discouragement and inferiority because you are small. Accept smallness, not as something that cannot be changed, but as a condition in which you try to see its assets and its possibilities. A more personalized relation among members, old and young, can exist in a small school. Everyone knows everybody else, and there is a more homey atmosphere. A greater proportion of the members is required to fill the positions of responsibility, and that, generally speaking, means a greater degree of interest. Space and equipment, important as they

are, may be lacking, but if the essentials are there—a room, a group, a chance for individual development and a desire to make God real in personal life—there are unlimited possibilities, for the size of the school makes less difference than is sometimes thought. The quality of work done in a small school may be just as good as in a large one. Jesus had no condemnation for the one-talent man, except as he neglected to use even his limited resources.

SECOND: Go into your meetinghouse as if you were entering it for the first time. How does it impress you? Are you at once aware that some people are vitally interested in what goes on there? Do you see beauty of order, cleanliness and simplicity, or is it cluttered with books, pictures, flags, old lesson papers? Has good use been made of the available space and equipment? Has provision been made for the different age groups, so that they are comfortable and can have a sense of "belonging"? Are the superintendent and teachers present to greet early comers and to take full advantage of all the time the pupils are at church? Does the session begin promptly with a well-planned opening worship service? Are the hymns chosen as an expression of sincerity, especially if children are present, or are they asked to sing, "I Was Sinking Deep in Sin"? Is variety employed, or is there no deviation from the set pattern of hymn, Scripture reading, prayer? Do the teachers give the impression of really caring about what happens to the pupils in their ideas and habits, or about merely filling in the time? Do members of the school show their loyalty to the church by attending the meeting for worship?

THIRD: Take stock of the possibilities for advancement and of the importance of the work. According to a study made last March, more than half of the Meetings of the Five Years Meeting have less than one hundred members, and only about five per cent have a membership of over four hundred. That statement gives numerical proof to what has been said many times, namely, that the strength of the Society of Friends is in its small Meetings. If you are convinced that belief in God and in the life and teachings of Jesus is the hope of this distraught world, then the work of the Sunday school in a small church may be one place where you can take hold to give that belief life today. Keep an open mind to light and help that comes from inspiration and study, for to do the job well takes more than the tag end of one's time and effort. Plenty of help is available in the Friends Bible School literature, in the Lending Library, and in Leadership Training classes or workers' conferences when they are held in your vicinity. One needs only to reach out to find it.

THROUGH VITAL ORGANIZATION

This article was prepared by B. Russell Branson, pastor of New Garden Monthly Meeting at Guilford, North Carolina, in consultation with Anna Henley Coble, the superintendent of the Bible school.

1. Have a Strong Christian Education Committee

The Monthly Meeting must be deeply interested in the Bible school if there is to be a vital program. The first evidence of its interest will be reflected in a strong Christian Education Committee. This Committee will see to it that the Bible school is well organized. It will help secure the general superintendent and the superintendents of departments, as well as other officers and teachers, and recommend to Monthly Meeting their appointment to service. The committee should be constantly on the lookout for teachers, substitute teachers, and persons with gifts and ability to serve the Bible school. This committee ought to be the strongest and most active committee in the Monthly Meeting, since the church has no treasure greater than its children. It is responsible to report regularly to the Monthly Meeting on its work and progress.

2. Active and Regular Meetings of Bible School Council

A Bible School Council composed of the officers, teachers, and the Bible School Committee will result in better work. It should meet regularly each month with all members present. Try to hold the meetings in the atmosphere of worship. They can begin with a ten-minute devotional, followed with an inspirational talk by one of the members on some phase of teaching work. During the next half hour consider administrative and other problems.

3. The Purpose of the Bible School

Frequent consideration should be given to the purpose of the Bible school. This can be done in part through the inspirational talks in the Bible School Council, but that is not enough. The Bible School Council will be enriched by setting up joint meetings with parents for this kind of study. Keep parents aware of the program and purpose so as to arouse interest and to secure their cooperation. This may be carried one step further by having workers in a department meet with the parents of children from that department. They can discuss the quarter's lessons and together determine how they may mutually work for the accomplishment of the aim in the series of lessons.

4. Departments Organize for Worship, Study and Activity

A time schedule dividing the Bible school period among these types of experiences can be made. The worship should be worship, not just an opening exercise. The Christian Education Committee is responsible to supply teachers with good materials, preferably Friends', for use in study period. Creative activities require additional materials for teachers and pupils.

5. Leadership Training School or Class

A vital Bible school program will contain a Leadership Training School. The school will be for five weeks' duration and offer a number of courses. It will be held once each year. Or, a Leadership Training Class may be organized that runs consecutively with the Bible school throughout the year. This class will take up a different study each quarter. The proposition is simple—no trained leaders, no vital Bible school.

6. Learn About the Meeting Through the Bible School

Beginners should be given many opportunities to get acquainted with their minister. Primaries ought to know all about their meetinghouse and the many things for which a meetinghouse is used. Juniors can study the Monthly Meeting in action and become familiar with the persons and procedures of business that are so vital to Friends. Intermediates will be interested in Quaker biography. They should be briefed on the outstanding Friends their own Meeting has produced. They should be made conversant with the great Quaker personalities of the Society. Provide seniors with the opportunity of making a most careful study of Friends Testimonies.

7. The Bible School Should Have An Outreach

This program of outreach may vary from place to place, but it will not fail to include calling in the homes of children, visiting new families, sending important leaflets to the homes, ("Thoughts about God" and the packet on "Christian

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"Walk in Newness of Life" (Romans 6:4)

Annual Theme and Program Suggestions for Christian Education Through the Year

The five Departments of the Board on Christian Education present below suggestive ways of applying the annual theme and emphasis to the area of work with which each is concerned. These suggestions may be used by Christian Education Committees, Bible School Councils, pastors, and teachers as a guide in planning a year of significant work in Christian nurture. Planning for the year's work should begin at once, if it has not been started. Note other articles and helps on other pages of this issue of THE AMERICAN FRIEND.

IN LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

1. Contagious Christian Leadership

Christian nurture rests primarily upon the spiritual depth of the leader or teacher and his ability to transmit the joy and zest of Christian commitment to those under his care. Every leader must ask himself constantly: "Am I walking in that newness of life which will draw others to Christ?"

As an aid to inward, spiritual growth, this Department recommends:

a. Daily personal and family devotions.

b. Regular monthly meetings for worship of all teachers and leaders in the local Meeting.

c. At least one spiritual retreat each year, preferably in the fall, for all workers in the local Meeting. Instructions for planning and holding retreats are available at 101 South 8th Street, Richmond, Indiana.

A list of recommended devotional reading is being prepared for distribution to Monthly Meetings.

2. Training for Skilled Leadership

Inspired leaders and teachers quite naturally want to increase their skills. Last year, eighty-nine persons received credit for work in Christian Education Training Courses. It is our hope that each Monthly Meeting will encourage the development of these training schools. The materials listed below may be used as aids in setting up courses.

a. The revised International Council of Religious Education Bulletin No. 501, which lists First Series courses for all beginning teachers. Bulletin No. 502 lists courses for advanced teachers.

b. Yearly Meeting chairmen of Christian Education will receive an outline for organizing a First Series Training School. Additional copies may be secured from 101 South 8th Street, Richmond, Indiana.

c. New Training Course Credit Cards are being printed for distribution to all Friends completing these courses.

d. Two new courses, "The History of Quakerism," and "The Testimonies of Friends," are being prepared for use in your local Meeting. They will be ready by the first of November.

Quaker Hill, The Friends Center in Richmond, Indiana, will offer two training courses in Christian Education. Each will last one week. The first will be held in October, 1948, for Monthly Meeting workers in all departments of the church school. The second will be held in March, 1949, for Vacation Bible School teachers and Summer Camp leaders.

3. Cooperative Planning

It is proposed:

a. that the Committee on Christian Education of the Yearly Meeting make a study of local Meetings which are producing creative and inspired leaders and teachers as one means of discovering ways in which all Meetings may provide this type of leadership;

b. that outstanding examples of these local programs be published in Friends' papers;

c. that Monthly or Quarterly Meeting Conferences be held on the subject of "Leadership in the Meeting."

A reading list of books on the art of leadership is being prepared for use in each Monthly Meeting.

The art of Christian nurture is a holy responsibility. Let us recognize this by the training and the support we give our leaders and teachers.

For additional information or help, write to William Q. Hale, chairman of the Leadership Training Department, Quaker Hill, Richmond, Indiana.

IN CHILDREN'S WORK

Do you, as a teacher of a little group of children, need "newness of life" in your teaching? Do you love your work with the children and look forward to the meeting of the class? Are the children keenly interested in the work of the class? Do they come to Bible school bubbling over with enthusiasm for the things you are doing together? Do they besiege you with questions about God and life and the Bible? Are you, as a class, doing important things together? Have you learnings and experiences to share with the rest of your Bible school? If you can answer "yes" to these questions, you have "life" in your class. You must not congratulate yourself but must humbly bow before God, asking for more life to share with these little ones and wisdom not to make them stumble.

But if you do not have these things, do not be discouraged. There is "life" available without limit. Jesus came to bring life and more abundant life. Bow before God and ask his will, his guidance in your life. Is it his will for you to be teaching these children? If it is, he will give you grace for them if you will only forget yourself.

How does one capture newness of life if one has settled into a rut or has been dragging along at a half-dead rate in Bible school teaching? One way is to become better acquainted and more interested in individual boys and girls so that one really cares about how well they are equipped with Christian teaching to face life in their time. If boys and girls are given a chance and something to do, they will supply some of the enthusiasm for newness of life. Another way is to take some definite, achievable goals and work toward them, checking progress ever so often. For this year we propose the following. Do they find acceptance in your planning?

1. Re-examine your Bible school program to see if the best possible use is made of that one precious hour. Read "One Hour?" in the October *Penn Teacher*.

2. If you belong to a one-room Bible school, where it is just about necessary to have the children in the opening worship service, see that their needs and capacities are given attention. Adults have other opportunities for worship. Try to make the service so simple and direct that all may enter into it with profit.

3. Work for and expect results in your teaching. Do not be content to be merely a sower, but look for a harvest of more Christian attitudes and actions.

4. Find out how other people have met problems similar to yours. Consult the experts. Three little books that have plenty of ideas and advice in them are *Opening the Bible to*

Children, by Whitehouse; *Planning for Children in Your Church,* by Lewis; and *Teaching Children in the Small Church,* by Roorbach. Exchange your findings with other teachers in your school or in other schools in your area. Form a reading circle to enrich your study.

For additional information or help, write to Vesta Stanfield, chairman Children's Work, 708 Rombach Avenue, Wilmington, Ohio.

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS

Opening the Bible to Children
by Whitehouse $ .50

Planning for Children in Your Church
by Hazel Lewis $ .50

Teaching Children in the Small Church
by Roorbach $ .20

Form a reading circle of your children's workers in your Meeting, or in adjacent Meetings, or in your Quarterly Meeting, to exchange ideas and questions arising from reading these enlightening little books.

These books can be secured through the Friends Book and Supply House.

IN CHRISTIAN HOME LIFE

This is a rapidly changing world, and we are living in a time of transition which has its influence on society in general, and in a particular way upon the home. We know that where family life is strong, it can weather the changes that come during any period of transition, but where the family is weak and unprepared, we often see disintegration and despair. Families in which individuals have learned to "walk in newness of life," in the Christian meaning of that expression, are the strongest and best equipped for this day of change.

Many Christian people have felt the need of a National Conference of Church Leaders in the field of family life. As a result of this need, such a conference is to be held in Cincinnati, November 29 and 30, 1948.

Newness of Life through Worship

It has seemed that we might well place emphasis this year on "Worship in the Home," for surely through worship in the home circle, individuals learn best to "walk in newness of life," and to find strength for the daily task. Here, also, spiritual equipment, both for individuals and families as a whole, is found for meeting any eventuality.

What Local Meetings Can Do

1. Local Meetings should see that some one person, or some committee, is made responsible for giving emphasis to Christian Home Life on the local level. This appointment may be made by the Monthly Meeting, or by the local Christian Education Committee.

2. Let such an appointed person, or committee, give special emphasis this year to the importance of worship in the home.

3. Other activities for this person, or committee, might be as follows:

a. Suggest and promote the use of helpful materials for worship in the home.
b. Share experiences and examples of successful family worship.
c. Collect stories of families which have succeeded in making worship meaningful in the home. (Pass these stories on to your Yearly Meeting Committee on Christian Home Life, and through that committee to the Five Years Meeting Department. Such stories might prove very helpful to other families if they could be printed in the *Penn Teacher,* or mimeographed for general distribution.)
d. Find ways of helping young people to prepare for marriage, and to plan for making their Christian faith vital in their new homes through worship.

Helpful Literature

More and more literature is available on the general subject of the Christian Home and Family Life. (Write for book lists.) Three recent books of interest are:

Christian Happiness in the Home (A study course for young homemakers, 50 cents per copy.)

Just and Durable Parents, by James Lee Ellenwood. Author of *There's No Place Like Home,* and written in the same spicy style.

Radio for the Family, by Pearl Rosser. A pamphlet which may be secured in large quantities from the International Council of Religious Education at 10 cents per copy or, in small quantities, free from our Department on Christian Home Life.

Helpful Materials on Worship

1. *Quaker Meditations* (Nos. 1, 2, and 3)
2. A new *Quaker Meditations* planned for families with children is in prospect of being published soon. (Watch for notices of publication, and help promote the sale and use of this devotional book.)
3. A new pamphlet, published by the International Council of Religious Education, is now available. It bears the title, *Family Worship with Young Children.* Send for free samples from the Department on Christian Home Life.
4. Promote the use of *The Christian Home* magazine. (Subscription $1.50 per year.) Excellent suggestions for family devotions are always given in the back of this magazine.
5. *Let Us Give Thanks,* A File of Family Prayers and Graces, 18 cards which sells for 50 cents.
6. Send for your Family Week materials *early* next year.

For additional help, write to the chairman of the Christian Home Life Department, R. Furnas Trueblood, 234 College Avenue, Richmond, Indiana.

NEW LIFE FOR YOUNG FRIENDS

This year's theme directs attention to the continuous need for renewed consecration of Christian youth and the revitalization of organizations and programs for them. It also suggests the responsibility of Christian young people to bring others to One who can help them to "walk in newness of life." We offer the following suggestions for applying the emphasis.

Goals for Individuals

1. Increased understanding of and commitment to Christ and His way of life

a. Use special study units on the meaning of Christian commitment.
b. Make special efforts to enlist young people for Christ through membership classes, Bible school classes, and at such times as Easter.

2. Developed habits of worship and of personal conduct

Work out a careful plan of personal religious growth. A guide that several members of the group might join in following would be helpful.

3. Increased personal reading of Christian writings

Circulate a few good books and pamphlets, such as *Larry; The Unknown Disciple; Penn,* by Elizabeth Janet Gray;

Uncharted Voyage by Ruth Seabury; and *You Can Believe,* by Martin. (Secure books from Friends Book and Supply House.)

4. Projects of Christian service
   a. Relief projects, particularly collections of shoes and sweaters
   b. Summer work projects
   c. Yearly Meeting work projects
   d. Teaching Daily Vacation Bible School

Vital Program and Organization

1. Use the Program Service Companions for Young Friends.
   a. The *Penn Youth Quarterly*
   b. The Youth Program File and Sustaining Program Service
   c. The *Penn Weekly*

Descriptive folders on these materials are available upon request.

2. Plan to observe *Youth Week,* January 30 through February 6, 1949. January 30 will be Young Friends Sunday. Resource material for local groups will be available later. Write to our office by January 1, 1949.

3. Study carefully the new *Friends Youth Fellowship,* pattern for organization and activity in local youth work. The Young Friends Department approved of releasing this new pattern of organization for experimental use, with the understanding that the final form may be altered. Secure copies from our office.

Newness of Life through Participation in Conferences and Service Projects

1. The Yearly Meeting Conferences and Camps
2. The *Christian Youth Conference of North America,* to be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 31-September 5, 1948. Attendance of 5,000 is expected. Fliers and registration cards are available from the Young Friends Office.
3. The 1949 American Young Friends Conference will be held August 29 to September 5, 1949, at William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa. Desired attendance, 300. More information later.
4. The Five Years Meeting Volunteer Service Program and the service projects of the American Friends Service Committee are sponsored each summer. Begin plans now for the summer of 1949.
5. State and district Interdenominational Conventions or meetings

Address inquiries to: THE YOUNG FRIENDS DEPARTMENT, 101 South 8th Street, Richmond, Indiana.

IN ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

Present world conditions make us realize that the adult mind has not been sufficiently challenged to Christianize the whole of life. There has been an indifference to the powerful forces that tend to disrupt society and minimize the voice of the church. These forces of secularism drive us, as adults, toward altogether different goals than those represented by the Christian tradition.

Our children and young people live in this adult-controlled world, and are influenced by adult actions. As long as all is not well with adults, in society or church, the future of our youth cannot be bright.

Adult work in the church is our primary concern. Here pressure can be brought to bear upon many of the social problems that face mankind. Alert adult minds must prepare an adequate adult program for the local Meeting. At this point, the Adult Department stands ready to be of help to you.

Literature

The Adult Department has prepared a packet of study material that will be mailed upon request. It contains: LEARNING FOR LIFE, (a study program for adults) ADULT PROGRAM GUIDE, and ADULTS IN ACTION. The Department will also lend the following books for reading and study: *The Understanding of Adult Ways,* by Wilfred Evans Powell; *The Church and Its Young Adults,* by J. Gordon Chamberlin. (Secure the packet and books from the chairman.)

Through the pages of the *Penn Quaker Quarterly* and *The Penn Teacher* you will also find many helpful articles and ideas on adult work.

Conference

The conducting of a local Meeting week-end conference for adults and young adults can be a very profitable experience, combining fellowship, worship, personal enrichment, and the development of leadership. Such a conference might concern itself with more effective use of the Bible, church life and outreach, community issues, and world relations. Resource material for such a conference will be found in the packet of adult study material referred to above.

Projects

A. In the Meeting

1. Conduct a Bible study group. Such a study might include: what the Bible is; how it came to be; its message for today, etc. The *Know Your Bible Series* by Roy L. Smith is recommended as very good resource material.
2. Organize small fellowship groups for the purpose of mutual sharing in devotional life. Prayer, testimony, and devotional reading are suggested activities for the group.
3. Through the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, the Monthly Meeting or some other appropriate group, encourage adults to consider the needs of your Meeting. One project might be providing proper physical equipment for carrying out your Christian education program.

B. In the community

1. Encourage and take an active part in good community projects.
2. Strengthen the Home Department of your Bible school. Contact and visit neglected families in your community. Make a special effort to visit and provide helpful literature to shut-ins.

C. In the world

1. Become informed about world conditions and needs.
2. Continue or initiate relief projects.
3. Provide devotional literature to the American Friends Service Committee neighborhood teams in Europe. Contact the Richmond office of the AFSC, (Quaker Hill, Richmond, Indiana) for further information regarding this project.

For additional help in adult work, write to the Department chairman, Richard P. Newby, 111 West 45th Street, Minneapolis 9, Minnesota.

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Home life"), recommending periodicals such as *The Christian Home* published by the Graded Press, Nashville 2, Tennessee, and enlisting a mother to take a vital interest in the department to promote its work among parents.

8. A Parent-Teacher Council Once Each Quarter

These should be well planned with ample opportunity for the mutual exchange of problems; problems of the home as well as problems in the Bible school. Remember, you are trying to help the child to have a growing understanding of, and love for God.

Foreglow of Amsterdam

A Letter from the Atlantic

I had no idea, when I boarded the *Queen Elizabeth* at New York, that something of the mood of the World Assembly of Churches would actually begin for me on the ocean, but such has been the case. Soon after our departure from America it became clear that a good many delegates to the Amsterdam Assembly were on board and during the five days that we have been together, many of them have become well acquainted. Some of them came to me, knowing I was a Quaker delegate, to ask if I would organize a simple meeting for worship on Sunday evening, because several felt the need of something in addition to the formal and beautiful Church of England service conducted by the Captain of the Elizabeth. Accordingly, I did organize such a service which was held at five o'clock, including a memorable sermon by Alan Walker of Sydney, one of the Methodist delegates from Australia. Every seat in the assigned hall was occupied for this hour.

A second important meeting of the Christian forces aboard was held yesterday, July 20, attended by Amsterdam delegates and interested persons. The chief address was given by Professor John Baillie of Edinburgh, one of the men most responsible for the preparatory work leading up to the Assembly next month. He and Mrs. Baillie are just returning home from a seven month's world tour which has included New Zealand and Australia. He is the Vice-Chairman of the significant Council section on the Witness of the Church.

John Baillie made us realize that the Amsterdam meeting will be the first ecumenical conference of Protestant Christians since the Reformation. The World Council of Churches is not now in being, but presumably will be in being five weeks from now. I am glad to learn that church bells in many parts of the world will be sounded especially on August 22 in honor of the noble event then beginning in Holland.

Being chairman of the meeting on shipboard, I took the opportunity to ask attenders to introduce themselves and the variety was fascinating. Among those on board the ship whom I have come to appreciate especially are the following:

ARTHUR FLEMMING, director of the United States Civil Service and newly elected president of Ohio Wesleyan University.

ANDREW CORDIER, assistant secretary of the United Nations. He is the man who engineered the appointment of Harold Evans as Commissioner of Jerusalem. His chief, Trigve Lie, is on board but I have not met him.

JOHN BAILLIE and Mrs. Baillie, already mentioned. Their son from West Africa joined them in New York.

CHARLES BOSS, chairman of the Methodist Commission on World Peace.

GEORGE BARBOUR and Mrs. Barbour of Cincinnati. He is dean of the University of Cincinnati and has many Quaker leanings. Two of their sons are Friends.

ALAN WALKER, Methodist pastor of Sydney, Australia, already mentioned. He will preach for one month at Kingsway, London, before going on to Amsterdam.

ROGER HAZELTON, professor of the philosophy of religion at Andover Newton Seminary, near Boston.

HOWARD MUMMA, pastor of the Broadway Methodist Church of Toledo.

PATRICK MILLER, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio.

J. M. RICHARDS, president of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decator, Georgia.

DAVID BAKER, editor of the *Messenger*, organ of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. He lives in St. Louis.

ALBERT COE, pastor of the Congregational Church of Oak Park, Illinois.

There are, no doubt, many more but these few have come especially to my attention. One begins to have a sense of the real strength of the Christian movement. Superficially we are deeply divided, but deeply, there is a true ecumenical church already in existence. There is a horizontal fellowship which is one of the most precious realities in our lives. The significant fact about such gatherings of Christians is that it is necessary for each to tell what his denomination is. If he were not to do so, we could not possibly tell.

We land today, July 21, and I should go as soon as possible to Birmingham to attend part of the meeting of the Old Woodbrookers Association. This will be followed immediately by the European Friends Conference at Kingsmead, at the close of which we shall hold the Executive Committee meeting of the Friends World Committee for Consultation. After that comes Yearly Meeting at Edinburg, of which more later.

D. ELTON TRUEBLOOD

The fact that our adversary threatens us by showing up our defects, rather than by forcibly suppressing our virtues, is proof that the challenge he presents to us comes ultimately not from him, but from ourselves."

ARNOLD J. TOYNBEE

AN APPRECIATION

LILLIAN WHITE SHEPARD

In April, Lillian Shepard tendered her resignation to the Board on Christian Education after giving seven years of valuable service to Friends as Editor of Bible school publications. It was accepted with regret, for all members of the Board were aware of the contribution she has made to the literature we produce or edit. She came to the work with a trained mind and writing experience, which was made more valuable because it was preceded by actual work in church school administration and teaching. Perhaps her most valuable service has been her vision of what Friends could attain in their own quarterlies, if they were given the opportunity. She set about developing Quaker writers, refusing to be discouraged even when the going was hard, writing herself whatever came up missing when material had to go to print. As a result, we now have a long list of writers with practical experience and four periodicals written by and for Friends. They are *The Penn Primary Children's Teacher, The Penn Junior Children's Teacher, The Penn Quaker Quarterly,* and *The Penn Teacher's Monthly.* Other materials are edited.

It is very unusual to find in one person the ability and the willingness to work with both children's and adult material. Aside from these editorial responsibilities, she has given much guidance to the Board in all its areas of work so that now in their deliberations there is evidence of growth shown in maturity of thought and an understanding of the principles of religious education. Convinced of the values found in the testimonies of Friends, she has consistently given this emphasis to all phases of our publications, seeking to

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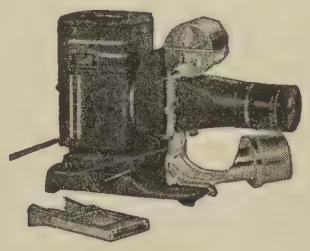

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Shall we tell them, or shall we show them? Should we enlist the use of the eye along with the ear? Journalists tell us that "one good picture is worth ten thousand words." Public school education is making an increased use of audio-visual aids in its teaching program. The principle is old, but the many technical developments are new. Jesus' parables were appeals to the eye and ear. The use of charts, maps and flat pictures has been common. Now we have the colored slide, the filmstrip, and the sound motion picture.

New Services Now Made Available

1. The Religious Film Association. The Friends Publication Board is now a member of this interchurch agency under the International Council of Religious Education. This association provides a valuable service for the local church. All religious films, slides and filmstrips are studied, evaluated and briefly described. These are kept in several branch depositories or libraries in various parts of the United States, and may be rented directly from the depositories.

A large ninety-five page catalog is made available, and one copy will be sent without charge, upon request, to any Friends Meeting.

2. Projection Equipment and Materials are now carried by the Friends Book and Supply House, Richmond, Indiana.

Slide-and-Filmstrip Projectors, the S.V.E. Tri-Purpose make, from $62.50 to $80.

Sound Motion Picture Projectors, including Bell & Howell, Natco, and Victor, from $298 to $579.

Da-Lite Screens, in all sizes, from $10 up.

Filmstrips with Manuals, from $1.50 to $3. Filmstrips on the Bible and the story of how the Bible came to be, on teaching methods, boy-girl relationships, family life, world peace, special days, etc.

Kodachrome Bible Slide Sets, by Providence Lithograph, Cathedral, and others, at 50 cents each in sets.

Books and booklets on how to go about the planning and use of visual aids. The importance of such preparation cannot be stressed too much.

Leaflets and circulars on projection equipment and materials will be sent free upon request.

Counseling and guidance on the use of visual aids is made available by the Board on Christian Education and the Publication Board.

Write about your needs to

FRIENDS BOOK AND SUPPLY HOUSE 101 S. 8th Street, Richmond, Indiana

YOUR INVESTMENT IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Of the United Service Budget askings for the current year, $15,000 is allocated to the Board on Christian Education. Every cent of this amount returns to the local Meetings of the Five Years Meeting in terms of services rendered. These services include:

Provision of editorial staff to prepare material for Bible School publications

Program service, organizational help, leadership training, and counsel to Young Friends' groups

Field work in terms of personnel to help teachers and workers

Development of Christian Home Life

Suggested plans and helps for year-round Christian education work

Study and leadership in the entire field of Christian education

Indirect help to local Meetings through support and aid to Yearly Meeting Committees

These services cannot be adequately given without support through the United Service Budget. Our Board shares only in undesignated funds, or those designated directly for our use. Therefore, we urge your support of the United Service Budget.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 26 — OCTOBER 3

Theme: "Christ and the Community"

Sunday, September 26—Featuring Rally Day or Promotion Day.

Monday—Hold a conference of officers and teachers. Introduce the year's plans in Christian education and work out specific projects.

Wednesday or Thursday—Use prayer meeting night for united prayer and thought about the teaching work of the church. Secure attendance of teachers. Feature with it a Family Night emphasizing the Christian Home.

Friday—"Youth Work for a Christian Community"—an evening of fellowship and a challenge to help Christianize the community. This may be used for planning the year's activities.

Sunday, October 3—"Christ and the World Community." Emphasize the place of Christian teaching and the leadership of the church in the world community.

Special: 1. Face the possibilities of the year's emphasis upon "Walk in in Newness of Life."

2. Visitation and promotion of the Bible school and enrollment of new members.

3. Begin any plans you have for a program to revitalize the Bible school.

QUAKERDOM · AT · LARGE

From September 19 to 26, Perry Hayden will visit several Meetings in Iowa Yearly Meeting, showing his moving pictures, Dynamic Kernels, and speaking on stewardship.

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Merrill M. Coffin will give the evening messages in the Iowa Yearly Meeting sessions, August 23-29. Following Yearly Meeting he will be in meetings at New Providence, Bear Creek, and Marshalltown.

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Charles Beals will go in September to Portland, Oregon, where he has accepted the pastorate of First Friends. He shall have completed three years as general superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting.

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Two books by D. Elton Trueblood, *Doctor Johnson's Prayers* and *Alternative to Futility*, are included in the list of fifty outstanding religious books for the past year, as appraised by the American Library Association.

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Lester C. Haworth, former general secretary of the YMCA of Philadelphia and at present associate general secretary of the International Committee, has resigned that post to become vice-president of Haverford College. He will be in charge of Public Relations and Development.

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Recently a local Meeting of the Five Years Meeting reviewed their contributions for benevolences and realized they were contributing only to one department. Not wanting to reduce their giving, they instead added enough to give full support to the entire United Services Budget of the Five Years Meeting.

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Get ready for Christmas! No, this is not an attempt to rush the season, but instead to say that packages from American children and adults to people overseas should be filled in the weeks ahead if they arrive by Christmas time. Starting now to plan will mean a better parcel and a treat on Christmas.

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The American Friends Service Committee is sending twenty-five thousand dollars worth of streptomycin to the people of Russia. Says the *Boston Sunday Herald* regarding this gift, "It would be a sorry world, indeed, if no one ever cast any bread upon the waters, on the reasoned assumption that it was simply wasteful of good food."

Tony and Dickey are two workers of the American Friends Service Committee who drove their "White Angel" truck over Europe, taking and developing pictures. They report that the "Iron Curtain" did not deter them from taking pictures wherever they wished.

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Among the pastoral changes reported to date are the following: In Western Yearly Meeting—Norman E. Young to Kokomo, Union Street; Keith Parr to Mooresville; Percy M. Thomas to Plainfield; Earl Prignitz to Noblesville; Edwin Barker to Benson Chapel; William Wagner to Russiaville; and in California Yearly Meeting, Robert E. Cope to Whittier. These changes are to be effected as of September first.

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Robert L. Simkin reports that Woolman House, Interracial Cooperative Home for Women Students in Los Angeles, has had during the summer session, the following members: two Filipinos, one Japanese-American, one Chinese, four Negroes, three native white Americans, and one German-American (Jewish). Robert L. and Margaret T. Simkin are directors.

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Esther Rhoads says she is afraid that the LARA program for Japanese Relief has run along so smoothly that it has not made very good news. Three persons—a member of Church World Service, a Catholic priest, and herself—have worked together most happily and harmoniously much to the surprise of the Army, that had feared the three would be bringing them one problem after another.

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Through the efforts of twenty-four internationally-minded Whittier College young men and women, a student from Freiburg University in Germany will be given an opportunity to learn the American way of life this year. The Whittier College Freiburg Student Committee, dovetailing its project with the official adoption of the City of Freiburg, Germany, by the City of Whittier, at the end of July had raised $548.27 through solicitation on the Whittier College campus. An estimated $900 will be needed by the beginning of fall term.

NEWS OF OUR MEETINGS

There have been two events of interest this spring at the Long Lake Friends Meeting. The first was the week of meetings divided between Long Lake and Traverse City, Michigan, by Percy Thomas. Both in his visits in the homes and in the evening services he was of great help, especially stressing all phases of stewardship. The members hope to have him return again soon. The other event was the Vacation Church School, conducted for a week by two regular teachers and Beatrice Carmien who has been studying church school work in Hartford Seminary Foundation. While the results weren't spectacular, there was an average attendance of forty-five, and it is felt the pupils learned a great deal in line with their regular lessons.

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Family Day was recently observed by Jonesboro, Indiana, Monthly Meeting with John Compton as speaker. He delivered a heart-searching message on consistent family life. Later a cooperative dinner was served in the church basement. The Daily Vacation Bible School was held in the Jonesboro School Building, sponsored by several Jonesboro churches. The closing exercises were held at the Friends Church, the evening of June 20. This was one of the most successful schools of its kind ever conducted in Jonesboro. Children's Day was observed the following Sunday morning. The Loyal Crusaders have just closed a very satisfactory year, having contributed items amounting to $294.96 to the AFSC, missions, and civic activities.

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Esther Rhoads, very recently returned from Japan, spoke in First Friends Church in Pasadena, California, on July 27, of her work with LARA in Japanese relief, showing pictures as well. Friends who came from the entire area were encouraged to contribute to this work through the American Friends Service Committee. Pasadena Quarterly Meeting was held at Bethel Meeting in Long Beach on July 24. In the meeting on Ministry and Oversight, of which Paul Younger is Clerk, Queries were read from the proposed *Faith and Practice*. The main concern of the evening session was "Christian Education." This included thoughtful presentations by Lena Nieman, Donald Spitler and the Clerk, Morris Kimber. The film, *Live to Learn and Like It*, brought the session to a close with renewed concern for more effective Christian Education work.

HORIZON

Protestant churches, choirs, and musical and worship groups and classes throughout the English-speaking world are being urged by the Hymn Society of America, to observe the year 1948 as a "Watts Year," marking the two hundredth anniversary of the death (November 25, 1748) of Dr. Isaac Watts, "the father of modern hymnody."

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An "advance program," being mapped by twenty-six Protestant denominations for Christian work abroad, will be presented at meetings to be held in thirty-six American and Canadian cities this fall, and is announced by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. The advance program, a product of joint planning and consultation by foreign mission boards, will first be presented at Columbus, Ohio, October 6-8. Four thousand persons are expected to attend this session. After the Columbus meeting, the program will be presented at a series of regional conferences, where both interdenominational and denominational gatherings will be featured. At these conferences, denominational leaders will map their own advance programs, while the overall Protestant advance program will be outlined at a large interdenominational meeting. Four teams of outstanding Protestant leaders and foreign missionaries have been selected to appear at these gatherings.

MARRIAGES

ALLISON-SMITHERMAN — Waneta Smitherman, daughter of Wilson and Iva Smitherman of Mooresville, Indiana, to William Gerald Allison, son of Edward Allison of Stilesville, Indiana, on June 20, in the Mooresville Friends Church, with Gertrude Reinier officiating.

CARMICHAEL-JOHNSON—Eleanor Johnson, daughter of Howard V. and Cora N. Johnson of Mooresville, Indiana, to Charles W. Carmichael of West Lafayette, Indiana, at the home of the bride on July 2, with Kenneth Pickering of Winchester, Indiana, officiating.

FOSTER-JORDAN—Joan Jordan of Richmond, Virginia, to William S. Foster, son of DeWitt and Grace Foster of Carthage, Indiana, on July 4, in the meetinghouse at Carthage at the close of the morning service, with the father of the groom officiating.

NORVELL-DUNGAN—Dorothy Dungan, a member of 57th street Meeting in Chicago, to Stevens T. Norvell, Jr., on July 11, at Downer's Grove after the manner of Friends.

PRAY-REEDER — Edith Curtis Reeder, daughter of Walter and Edith Reeder, to Francis Pray, son of Enos and Geneve Pray of Indianapolis, at Mansfield meetinghouse, Columbus, New Jersey, on June 25, after the manner of Friends.

DEATHS

FISHER—Jane Ellen Fisher on July 27, at Mooreland, Indiana, in her fourth year. She was the daughter of Ellsworth and Sarepta Lambert Fisher, granddaughter of B. Orville and Cecil Fisher of Hutsonville, Illinois, and of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert of Dayton. She was an associate of the Mooreland Meeting. Services were held at Mooreland with L. O. Brown officiating. Burial was made at Port Jefferson, Ohio.

GORDON—Olin Gordon of Gas City, Indiana, on July 16, at Tippecanoe Lake. He was born in 1869, near Gas City, the son of Seth and Sarah Jay Gordon, who helped to establish Jonesboro Meeting. He was a faithful member of Jonesboro Meeting and acted as Elder for a long period. The widow, Elizabeth Eaton Gordon; a son, Frederick; and two grandchildren survive. Services were conducted at the home in Gas City with Delmar Mock and Bertha Day officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Gas City.

HENLEY—James Woodbridge Henley, aged twenty-eight years, suddenly, in Long Beach, California. He was the son of Howard E. and Willella Henley of Carthage, Indiana, where he was a member of the Friends Meeting. He was a graduate of Indiana University. Besides the parents, survivors include his wife, Alice Reynolds Henley; a sister, Maria, wife of Dr. Max Haas of Massillon, Ohio; and a brother, Howard Henley, Jr., of Indianapolis. Services were conducted by DeWitt Foster at Carthage, Indiana.

MENDENHALL—Elihu Clarkson Mendenhall of High Point, North Carolina, on July 7, at his home in Glendale, California, aged eighty-four years. He was the son of Elihu E. and Abigail Mendenhall, a birthright Friend and life sustaining member of Deep River Meeting, N. C. He attended New Garden Boarding School and later served as a Trustee of this institution after it became Guilford College. He is survived by his wife, Alice White Mendenhall; two nieces, Anna and Mary Mendenhall; and two nephews, Fowell H. and Samuel W. Mendenhall. Burial was in Pasadena, California, with Willard O. Trueblood in charge of services.

PETERSON — Mary E. L. Peterson on July 9, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, aged eighty-seven years. She was a member of Minneapolis Friends Meeting and an active worker, especially in the temperance work of the church. Surviving are two sons, Norman of Minneapolis and Kenneth of New Brunswick, N. J.

WINSLOW—Ralph B. Winslow on May 14, aged fifty-three years, in Chicago, Illinois, where he has been employed for the past six years. He was the son of Charles and Addie Bentley Winslow of Carthage, Indiana. He was a member of the Carthage Meeting. Services were held in Carthage with DeWitt Foster officiating.

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AN APPRECIATION

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make them a contribution to Quaker thought and action in the Sunday school. The Board on Christian Education is unanimous in this expression of appreciation for her help and inspiration.

REORGANIZATION

With the reorganization of the staff, Charles Thomas will continue as Administrative Secretary and will have a special concern and responsibility for adult publications. Lawrence Peery, a young Friend of Western Yearly Meeting and a student at Earlham College, will give part-time service to the youth division. Lawrence has been active in work with young people in his own Yearly Meeting and in the State Council of Churches. He was their representative to the Youth Conference at Oslo, Norway, a year ago. He has also worked with youth committees in the International Council. These experiences, combined with a vital concern for work in the youth field, fit him for the work he is undertaking. The Board hopes to be able to announce soon the employment of a full-time Children's Worker and Editor.

The story is told that when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kettering went to see "The Spirit of St. Louis," the plane in which Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh had recently made his epic flight across the Atlantic, Mrs. Kettering commented on the extraordinary fact that the daring aviator had made the trip all by himself, to which her husband rejoined that "it would have been much more remarkable if he had done it with a committee."

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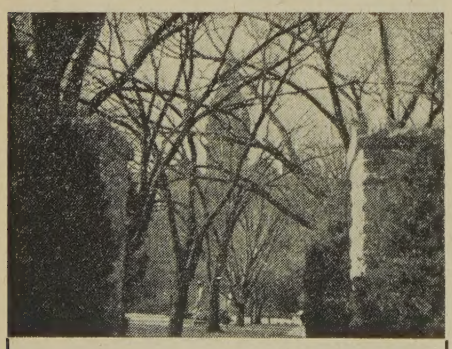

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